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SUBJECT: INITIAL CONTACTS WITH NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR CHERVONENKO

1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR CHERVONENKO'S CALL ON AMBASSADOR, AND
SUBSEQUENT RETURN CALL JULY 18 TURNED UP FOLLOWING POINTS OF
INTEREST:

2. FON MIN JOBERT'S TRIP: CHERVONENKO SAID JOBERT'S TRIP TO
MOSCOW WOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED BY SIGNATURE OF A TEN-YEAR
AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. THIS
AGREEMENT IS DESIGNED TO COMPLEMENT ECONOMIC AGREEMENT SIGNED
BY GISCARD DURING HIS TRIP TO MOSCOW (PARIS 19312).

3. BREZHNEV VISIT TO FRANCE: IN HIS INITIAL CALL PRIOR TO
BREZHNEV ARRIVAL, CHERVONENKO HAD GIVEN US SCHEDULE FOR
POMPIDOU/BREZHNEV SUMMIT. DURING RETURN CALL, HE EXPLAINED THAT
BREZHNEV'S TALKS WITH POMPIDOU CONCERNED THREE PRINCIPAL
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AREAS: EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND EUROPEAN SECURITY, ON WHICH HE

THOUGHT THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL MEASURE OF AGREEMENT; GENERAL INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY INDOCHINA AND MIDDLE EAST, ON WHICH THERE WAS MUCH LESS AGREEMENT; AND BILATERAL RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY ECONOMIC MATTERS. BREZHNEV UNDERLINED SOVIET INTEREST IN SECURING FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN SECOND MAJOR AUTOMOBILE FACTORY, IN ADVANCED METALLURGY, AND CERTAIN CHEMICAL PROCESSES. BOTH AMBASSADORS STRESSED NECESSITY OF KEEPING GOVERNMENTS INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS. IN PARTICULAR, IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE FRENCH NOT FEEL THAT TWO SUPER POWERS WERE OPERATING OVER HEADS OF FRENCH. BREZHNEV VISIT HERE AND JOBERT'S TRIP TO THE US WERE PARTICULARLY USEFUL IN THIS EFFORT.

4. CHERVONENKO SAID THAT THIS WAS HIS FIRST ASSIGNMENT OUTSIDE THE "SOCIALIST SPHERE" -- RECALLING THAT HIS PREVIOUS TOURS OF DUTY AS AMBASSADOR WERE IN CHINA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. HE EMPHASIZED IN BOTH CALLS HIS DESIRE TO DEVELOP GOOD WORKING RELATIONS BETWEEN SOVIET AND AMERICAN EMBASSIES. THE AMBASSADOR RECIPROCATED THIS DESIRE, NOTING PARTICULARLY THE UTILITY OF CONTACTS HERE DURING THIS PERIOD OF INTENSE EAST-WEST ACTIVITY IN EUROPE. IRWIN

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